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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: KING CALLS FOR SUMMIT ON GAZA

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11. (U) Bahrain's King Hamad called for an Arab-Islamic summit to address the Gaza situation if it was not possible to convene an Arab summit. His statement reiterated support for Egyptian-French efforts. Bahrain's government news agency released the statement the evening of January 8, before news of UNSCR 1860.

12. (U) The text is available at
<http://www.bna.bh/print/142674> and
<http://english.bna.bh/?ID=75680>

13. (C) The statement is an attempt to reduce the GOB's exposure to growing public anger, especially among Bahrain's Shia majority (reftel).

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